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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

SIR:

In connection with the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review submitted herewith and in response to the final Office Action dated January 7, 2009, Applicants request a panel review to determine whether the Examiner has failed to properly establish bases for § 103 rejections of pending claims 1-18 and 26-27 in the subject application. And, in support thereof, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

REMARKS

Claims 19-25 have been canceled. Claims 1-18 and 26-27 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-5, 9-18 and 26-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,278,712 to <u>Takihiro et al.</u> in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,209 to <u>Ebata et al.</u>; and claims 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over <u>Takihiro et al.</u> in view of <u>Ebata et al.</u>, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,336,129 to <u>Ise et al.</u> Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

The Examiner cited <u>Takihiro et al.</u> as allegedly disclosing the main features of the claimed invention, and relied upon <u>Ebata et al.</u> as a combining reference that allegedly suggests the remaining claimed IP address searching, user policy transmitting, and charging data features, which features the Examiner conceded were absent from the disclosure of <u>Takihiro et al.</u> Page 4, line 3 <u>et seq.</u> of the Office Action.

In particular, the Examiner cited Figs. 26, 29, and 37 and their corresponding description in <u>Takihiro et al.</u> as allegedly showing "sales department's video server 520...requesting a resource management server 200...to reserve [a] transmission band." Page 3, lines 7-14; page 13, lines 5-11; page 15, lines 6-10; and page 15, line 17 to page 16, line 4 of the Office Action.

According to col. 24, lines 20-36 of <u>Takihiro et al.</u>, however, <u>a user of the user</u>

<u>equipment A or B (210-A or 210-B)</u> shown in Fig. 26 requests the resource management server 200 to reserve a resource necessary for communications by inputting, among other parameters, the communication destination information 520. Thus, contrary to the Examiner's contentions, <u>Takihiro et al.</u>, as cited and relied upon by the Examiner—and, correspondingly, the proposed

combination of <u>Takihiro et al.</u> and <u>Ebata et al.</u>—at least fail to disclose or suggest the claimed feature of *a content server* requesting an intermediary server to reserve a transmission band.

The Examiner cited "COMMUNICATION BAND 1.5 Mbps 570" shown in Fig. 29 of Takihiro et al. as alleged suggestion of the claimed feature of a content server requesting an intermediary server to reserve a transmission band ("requested band"). Page 3, lines 11-12; page 13, lines 9-10; page 15, lines 7-8 and 18-19; and page 16, lines 2-3 of the Office Action.

And, again, according to column 24, lines 20-24 of <u>Takihiro et al.</u>, Fig. 29 merely shows a resource reservation request window on which <u>a user of the user equipment</u> inputs desired reservation data to reserve a resource. The "communication destination 520 (SALES DEPARTMENT'S DEPARTMENT VIDEO SERVER)" and the "communication band 570 (1.5 Mbps)" in Fig. 29, which the Examiner relied upon as alleged disclosure of "a content server" and "a requested band," respectively, are, indeed, reservation data <u>input or specified by the user</u>. Thus, contrary to the Examiner's assertions, <u>Takihiro et al.</u> at least fail to teach or suggest the "communication destination 520 (SALES DEPARTMENT'S DEPARTMENT VIDEO SERVER)" requesting the resource management server 200, which the Examiner equated with the claimed "intermediary server," to reserve the transmission band. <u>Takihiro et al.</u> clearly state at column 24, lines 21-25:

"When the user of the user equipment reserves a resource, the user inputs desired reservation data on the resource reservation request window. The inputted data is sent to the resource management server and is approved or refused by the determination of the resource management server." (Emphasis added)

Further, <u>Takihiro et al.</u> also describe at column 24, lines 51-52:

"Consequently, the end user can easily reserve a necessary communication resource." (Emphasis added)

Thus, according to <u>Takihiro et al.</u>, it is not the communication destination 520 (SALES DEPARTMENT'S DEPARTMENT VIDEO SERVER) but the user of the user equipment that requests the resource management server to reserve a resource.

In other words, even assuming, <u>arguendo</u>, that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the claimed invention was made to combine <u>Takihiro et al.</u> and <u>Ebata et al.</u>, such a combination would still have failed to disclose or suggest,

- "[a] method of reserving a transmission band of a transmission line for transmitting data via a plurality of Internet service providers on the Internet between a content server and a terminal, the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) the *content server requesting an intermediary server* to reserve the transmission band by transmitting a user policy that includes an ordering number, a requested band, a reservation start date and time, and a reservation end date and time; and
- (b) the intermediary server reserving the transmission band for the content server and the terminal,

wherein the reserving step further includes the steps of:

receiving the user policy;

storing the received user policy;

searching for IP addresses of policy servers of the plurality of Internet service providers;

transmitting the user policy to each policy server corresponding to each of the plurality of Internet service providers, said each policy server storing the transmitted user policy;

receiving a band reservation result from each corresponding policy server;

determining whether the requested band reservation is confirmed by the band reservation results; and

transmitting the band reservation results to the content server, and

wherein charging data, for charging one or more of a transmitter and a receiver of said data for transmission quality assurance per said plurality of Internet service providers, is constructed at one or more of said content server, said intermediary server, and said policy server," as recited in claim 1. (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, together with claims 2-5 and 9-

18 dependent therefrom, is patentable over <u>Takihiro et al.</u> and <u>Ebata et al.</u>, separately and in

combination, for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 26-27 incorporate features that

correspond to those of claim 1 cited above, and are, therefore, patentable over the cited

references for at least the same reasons. The Examiner relied upon <u>Ise et al.</u> to specifically

address the additional features recited in claims 6-8. As such, a further combination with Ise et

al. would still have failed to cure the above-described deficiencies of Takihiro et al. and Ebata et

al., even assuming, arguendo, that such a further combination would have been obvious to one

skilled in the art at the time the claimed invention was made. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully submit that claims 6-8, which depend from claim 1, are patentable over the cited

references for at least the above-stated reasons.

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